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1.1

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

AT END OF PERIOD.....

| | Males | Females | Persons | Mean Population |
|------------------------|-------|---------|---------|--------------------|
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 |
| Financial Years | | | | |
| 1993-94 | 856.3 | 846.3 | 1 702.6 | 1 689.7 |
| 1994-95 | 871.8 | 861.6 | 1 733.4 | 1 717.9 |
| 1995-96 p | 887.9 | 877.9 | 1 765.7 | 1 750.0 |
| Calendar years | | | | |
| 1994 | 863.1 | 853.1 | 1 716.2 | 1 703.5 |
| 1995 p | 879.6 | 869.5 | 1 749.2 | 1 733.5 |
| 1996 p | 896.3 | 886.4 | 1 782.7 | 1 766.1 |
| Quarters | | | | |
| Dec 95 p | 879.6 | 869.5 | 1 749.2 | .. |
| Mar 96 p | 884.2 | 874.3 | 1 758.5 | .. |
| Jun 96 p | 887.9 | 877.9 | 1 765.7 | .. |
| Sep 96 p | 892.0 | 882.0 | 1 774.0 | .. |
| Dec 96 p | 896.3 | 886.4 | 1 782.7 | .. |
| Mar 97 p | 900.5 | 890.8 | 1 791.2 | .. |

Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.1

The estimated resident population of Western Australia at 31 March 1997 was 1,791,200 an increase of 8,500 in the March quarter and 32,700 in the twelve months from 31 March 1996. The growth rate during the quarter was equivalent to an annual rate of 1.91%.

1.2 COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE

| | Natural increase | Net estimated overseas migration(a) | Net estimated interstate migration | Total increase |
|------------------------|---------------------|--|---|-------------------|
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 |
| Financial Years | | | | |
| 1993-94 | 14.3 | 6.7 | 3.7 | 24.7 |
| 1994-95 | 14.7 | 10.5 | 4.9 | 30.1 |
| 1995-96 p | 14.2 | 13.5 | 3.8 | 31.6 |
| Calendar years | | | | |
| 1994 | 14.5 | 8.0 | 4.5 | 26.9 |
| 1995 p | 14.6 | 13.2 | 4.3 | 32.0 |
| 1996 p | 13.8 | 14.0 | 5.6 | 33.3 |
| Quarters | | | | |
| Dec 95 p | 3.5 | 3.1 | 0.2 | 6.9 |
| Mar 96 p | 3.7 | 4.4 | 1.1 | 9.1 |
| Jun 96 p | 3.7 | 2.2 | 1.4 | 7.2 |
| Sep 96 p | 3.1 | 3.9 | 1.3 | 8.3 |
| Dec 96 p | 3.4 | 3.5 | 1.8 | 8.7 |
| Mar 97 p | 4.0 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 8.5 |

(a) Includes an adjustment for 'category jumping'

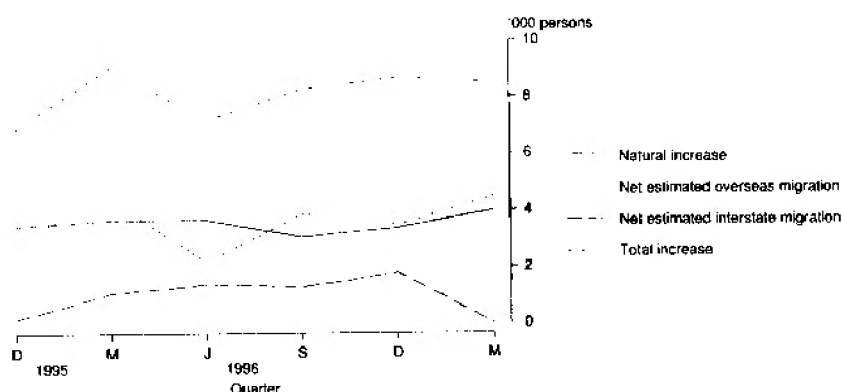
Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.2

In the March quarter 1997 the population increased by 8,500 compared with an increase of 8,700 in the previous quarter. Both the natural increase and net estimated overseas migration were higher than in the December quarter 1996. However, there was no net estimated interstate migration, a fall of 1,800 from the December quarter.

For the twelve months ended 31 March 1997 the increase of 32,700 was 1.6% higher than the increase in the previous twelve months.

COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

1.3

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

| | Live Births | Infant Deaths | Total Deaths | Marriages | Divorces |
|------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------|
| Financial Years | | | | | |
| 1993-94 | 25 309 | 148 | 10 522 | 10 316 | 4 934 |
| 1994-95 | 25 022 | 137 | 10 261 | 10 381 | 4 930 |
| 1995-96 p | 24 872 | 141 | 10 669 | 10 178 | 5 195 |
| Calendar years | | | | | |
| 1994 | 25 124 | 137 | 10 295 | 10 366 | 5 024 |
| 1995 | 25 122 | 128 | 10 361 | 10 404 | 5 040 |
| 1996 p | 24 766 | 156 | 11 011 | 10 294 | 4 959 |
| Quarters | | | | | |
| Dec 95 | 6 046 | 28 | 2 532 | 3 266 | 1 469 |
| Mar 96 p | 6 233 | 54 | 2 588 | 2 939 | 1 231 |
| Jun 96 p | 6 282 | 29 | 2 632 | 2 449 | 1 163 |
| Sep 96 p | 6 192 | 37 | 3 092 | 1 458 | 1 294 |
| Dec 96 p | 6 059 | 36 | 2 699 | 3 448 | 1 271 |
| Mar 97 p | 6 296 | 30 | 2 343 | 2 904 | 1 233 |

Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.3

The number of marriages fell by 544 or 15.8% in March quarter 1997 from the previous quarter. The total of 2,904 marriages in March quarter 1997 was a fall of 1.2% on March quarter 1996.

The total number of deaths dropped by 356 from December quarter 1996, a fall of 13.2%. The number of live births rose by 3.9% and divorces fell by 3.0% from December quarter 1996. Compared to March quarter 1996, the number of deaths decreased by 245 or 9.5% and births increased by 63 or 1.0%. The number of divorces increased by only 2.

Preliminary data for 1996 shows a drop of 356 live births or 1.4% from calendar year 1995. The number of divorces fell slightly by 81 and marriages, with a revised figure, dropped by 110 or 1.1%. Total deaths rose by 650 or 6.3% and infant deaths increased by 28 or 21.9%.

1.4

RATES OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

| | Live Births(a) | Infant Deaths(b) | Total Deaths(a) | Marriages(a) | Divorces(a) |
|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Financial Years | | | | | |
| 1993-94 | 15.0 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 2.9 |
| 1994-95 | 14.6 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 2.9 |
| 1995-96 p | 14.2 | 5.7 | 6.1 | r 5.8 | 3.0 |
| Calendar years | | | | | |
| 1994 | r 14.6 | 5.5 | 6.0 | r 6.0 | 2.9 |
| 1995 | r 14.4 | 5.1 | r 5.9 | r 5.9 | 2.9 |
| 1996 p | r 13.9 | 6.3 | 6.2 | r 5.8 | 2.8 |
| Quarters | | | | | |
| Dec 95 | 13.9 | 4.6 | 5.8 | 7.5 | 3.4 |
| Mar 96 p | 14.2 | 8.7 | 5.9 | 6.7 | 2.8 |
| Jun 96 p | 14.3 | 4.6 | 6.0 | 5.2 | 2.6 |
| Sep 96 p | 14.0 | 6.0 | 7.0 | 3.3 | 2.9 |
| Dec 96 p | 13.6 | 5.9 | 6.1 | 7.8 | 2.9 |
| Mar 97 p | 14.1 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 6.5 | 2.8 |

(a) For financial and calendar years the rate is per '000 mean resident population.
For quarters, the mean is the average of the previous and current quarterly population.

(b) Infant deaths per 1,000 live births.

Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.4

Reflecting the fall in the number of infant deaths from a year ago, the rate for infant deaths in March quarter 1997 was 3.9 infant deaths per 1,000 live births lower than March quarter 1996.

Compared to March quarter 1996, rates declined by 0.7 for total deaths and by 0.2 for marriages.

The rates for deaths, infant deaths, marriages and divorces in March quarter 1997 all fell from the previous quarter. Only the rate for live births increased, by 0.5.

Preliminary rates for 1996 calendar year show falls for live births, marriages and divorces compared to calendar year 1995 but rises for infant deaths and total deaths.

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2.1 OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

| | SHORT-TERM ARRIVALS..... | | | LONG-TERM ARRIVALS..... | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| | Permanent Arrivals | West Australian Residents | Overseas Visitors | West Australian Residents | Overseas Visitors | Total Arrivals |
| ARRIVALS | | | | | | |
| Financial Years | | | | | | |
| 1994-95 | 10 380 | 289 250 | 339 690 | 9 070 | 8 470 | 656 850 |
| 1995-96 | 11 320 | 308 110 | 361 180 | 8 600 | 10 170 | 699 380 |
| 1996-97 | 10 520 | 334 750 | 397 610 | 8 880 | 11 650 | 763 410 |
| Months | | | | | | |
| Jul 96 | 910 | 31 490 | 28 780 | 670 | 1 900 | 63 750 |
| Aug 96 | 840 | 28 570 | 28 950 | 580 | 500 | 59 430 |
| Sep 96 | 860 | 31 390 | 27 540 | 640 | 540 | 60 970 |
| Oct 96 | 940 | 38 310 | 34 460 | 690 | 740 | 75 130 |
| Nov 96 | 1 000 | 25 040 | 37 270 | 930 | 480 | 64 730 |
| Dec 96 | 990 | 18 980 | 49 430 | 1 450 | 490 | 71 340 |
| Jan 97 | 900 | 39 040 | 29 630 | 870 | 1 850 | 72 290 |
| Feb 97 | 780 | 21 440 | 39 350 | 620 | 2 700 | 64 900 |
| Mar 97 | 920 | 24 880 | 35 670 | 740 | 590 | 62 800 |
| Apr 97 | 830 | 24 030 | 33 000 | 580 | 670 | 59 110 |
| May 97 | 790 | 24 280 | 25 000 | 540 | 500 | 51 110 |
| Jun 97 | 760 | 27 310 | 28 540 | 580 | 680 | 57 850 |
| Jul 97 | 750 | 36 790 | 30 820 | 670 | 2 110 | 71 140 |
| Aug 97 | 720 | 33 360 | 26 780 | 600 | 690 | 62 150 |
| Sep 97 | 720 | 33 830 | 31 640 | 650 | 640 | 67 490 |

| | SHORT-TERM DEPARTURES..... | | | LONG-TERM DEPARTURES..... | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| | Permanent Departures | West Australian Residents | Overseas Visitors | West Australian Residents | Overseas Visitors | Total Departures |
| DEPARTURES | | | | | | |
| Financial Years | | | | | | |
| 1994-95 | 3 580 | 292 270 | 343 610 | 7 560 | 4 710 | 651 730 |
| 1995-96 | 3 890 | 305 910 | 366 340 | 7 680 | 5 480 | 689 300 |
| 1996-97 | 3 610 | 339 990 | 389 530 | 8 080 | 6 180 | 747 390 |
| Months | | | | | | |
| Jul 96 | 340 | 32 280 | 25 420 | 640 | 560 | 59 240 |
| Aug 96 | 270 | 27 420 | 29 840 | 660 | 390 | 58 580 |
| Sep 96 | 260 | 34 960 | 25 200 | 520 | 370 | 61 320 |
| Oct 96 | 250 | 26 830 | 28 770 | 500 | 330 | 56 680 |
| Nov 96 | 320 | 24 850 | 32 650 | 530 | 590 | 58 950 |
| Dec 96 | 310 | 35 260 | 42 400 | 730 | 1 180 | 79 880 |
| Jan 97 | 370 | 23 760 | 41 050 | 1 120 | 500 | 66 800 |
| Feb 97 | 280 | 20 340 | 36 760 | 710 | 410 | 58 500 |
| Mar 97 | 320 | 27 960 | 32 850 | 730 | 410 | 62 270 |
| Apr 97 | 330 | 25 870 | 36 390 | 750 | 390 | 63 730 |
| May 97 | 290 | 30 520 | 28 360 | 630 | 400 | 60 210 |
| Jun 97 | 280 | 29 910 | 29 840 | 550 | 640 | 61 230 |
| Jul 97 | 360 | 40 020 | 27 080 | 690 | 710 | 68 870 |
| Aug 97 | 290 | 33 010 | 29 840 | 700 | 400 | 64 250 |
| Sep 97 | 260 | 40 300 | 28 230 | 630 | 480 | 69 910 |

Reference: Unpublished table PMTRO001. Since figures have been rounded to the nearest ten, discrepancies may occur between sums of component items and totals.

Total arrivals in September 1997 were 9% higher than in the previous month and were 11% higher than in September 1996.

The number of Western Australian residents returning from short-term visits overseas rose by 1% from the previous month to 33,830 persons. This was an 8% increase over September 1996. The number of overseas visitors arriving in Western Australia for short-term visits increased by 18% from August 1997 and by 15% since September 1996.

The number of residents returning to Western Australia in September 1997 after a long-term stay overseas, increased by 9% from the previous month and increased by 2% over the September 1996 level. Arrivals of long-term overseas visitors decreased by 7% on August 1997, however there was a 19% increase over September 1996.

Total departures in September 1997 rose by 9% from the previous month and were 14% higher than in September 1996.

The number of short-term departures of Western Australian residents rose by 22% on August 1997, and by 15% on September 1996 figures. Short-term departures of overseas visitors fell by 5% from August 1997. The number of long-term departures of overseas visitors rose by 21% from August 1997 and long-term departures of Western Australians fell by 10% over the same period.

2.2 SHORT-TERM OVERSEAS VISITOR ARRIVALS FROM SELECTED COUNTRIES(a)

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.....

| | New Zealand | UK & Ireland | Indonesia | Japan | Singapore | Total(b) |
|------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|-----------|----------|
| Financial Years | | | | | | |
| 1994-95 | 24 330 | 61 070 | 44 240 | 28 980 | 59 600 | 339 690 |
| 1995-96 | 24 200 | 59 220 | 49 260 | 30 120 | 64 690 | 361 180 |
| 1996-97 | 26 420 | 69 460 | 51 600 | 33 940 | 63 950 | 397 610 |
| Months | | | | | | |
| Jul 96 | 3 000 | 2 610 | 5 190 | 3 430 | 3 310 | 28 780 |
| Aug 96 | 2 100 | 3 480 | 3 670 | 3 720 | 4 800 | 28 950 |
| Sep 96 | 2 430 | 4 860 | 2 500 | 3 220 | 3 550 | 27 540 |
| Oct 96 | 2 740 | 5 470 | 4 250 | 2 430 | 4 690 | 34 460 |
| Nov 96 | 1 680 | 9 350 | 3 120 | 2 170 | 7 850 | 37 270 |
| Dec 96 | 2 400 | 10 090 | 6 840 | 3 990 | 7 630 | 49 430 |
| Jan 97 | 1 940 | 7 200 | 3 400 | 3 220 | 2 500 | 29 630 |
| Feb 97 | 1 410 | 6 440 | 7 930 | 3 040 | 5 060 | 39 350 |
| Mar 97 | 2 080 | 8 420 | 3 400 | 3 500 | 5 200 | 35 670 |
| Apr 97 | 2 590 | 5 710 | 4 120 | 2 850 | 5 430 | 33 000 |
| May 97 | 1 880 | 2 510 | 2 910 | 1 270 | 4 770 | 25 000 |
| Jun 97 | 2 180 | 3 300 | 4 250 | 1 100 | 9 150 | 28 540 |
| Jul 97 | 2 090 | 3 070 | 6 730 | 2 560 | 3 880 | 30 820 |
| Aug 97 | 2 250 | 3 120 | 2 610 | 4 060 | 3 940 | 26 780 |
| Sep 97 | 2 560 | 5 240 | 2 350 | 3 190 | 5 800 | 31 640 |

(a) Comprises travellers whose intended or actual stay is less than twelve months.

(b) Total includes countries not listed in this table.

Reference: Unpublished table PMTR0013

Total short-term overseas visitor arrivals rose by 18% on August 1997. The total of 31,640 arrivals in September 1997 was 15% higher than in September 1996.

The number of visitors from the United Kingdom and Ireland in September 1997 increased by 2,120 or 68% on August 1997 and by 8% on September 1996. Short-term arrivals from Singapore increased by 47% on August 1997, and by 63% on September 1996.

2.3

SHORT-TERM OVERSEAS VISITOR ARRIVALS BY AIR, PURPOSE OF JOURNEY: HOLIDAY

| | COUNTRY OF ORIGIN..... | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------|----------|-----------|----------|---------------|----------|
| | New Zealand | UK & Ireland | Indonesia | Japan | Malaysia | Singapore | Thailand | United States | Total(a) |
| Financial Years | | | | | | | | | |
| 1994-95 | 7 720 | 19 290 | 33 350 | 24 640 | 19 200 | 45 100 | 7 180 | 2 760 | 193 880 |
| 1995-96 | 6 800 | 19 010 | 35 610 | 23 840 | 20 800 | 47 520 | 8 770 | 3 250 | 200 560 |
| 1996-97 | 6 670 | 24 050 | 33 880 | 27 870 | 23 600 | 45 350 | 10 240 | 2 590 | 215 820 |
| Months | | | | | | | | | |
| Jul 96 | 470 | 1 140 | 3 200 | 2 900 | 1 440 | 1 480 | 590 | 190 | 14 280 |
| Aug 96 | 580 | 870 | 2 220 | 3 300 | 2 790 | 3 650 | 980 | 100 | 17 310 |
| Sep 96 | 1 150 | 1 650 | 1 360 | 2 490 | 1 670 | 2 510 | 550 | 190 | 14 360 |
| Oct 96 | 550 | 1 680 | 2 800 | 1 810 | 2 280 | 3 410 | 1 610 | 200 | 18 580 |
| Nov 96 | 370 | 2 790 | 2 150 | 1 680 | 2 010 | 6 510 | 580 | 160 | 20 580 |
| Dec 96 | 610 | 3 690 | 5 710 | 3 380 | 2 420 | 5 840 | 1 330 | 400 | 29 830 |
| Jan 97 | 420 | 2 930 | 1 290 | 2 520 | 570 | 960 | 500 | 280 | 13 050 |
| Feb 97 | 350 | 2 610 | 5 600 | 2 750 | 2 690 | 3 110 | 730 | 190 | 22 380 |
| Mar 97 | 570 | 3 110 | 2 260 | 2 770 | 1 110 | 3 820 | 960 | 200 | 19 150 |
| Apr 97 | 570 | 1 700 | 2 510 | 2 380 | 1 860 | 3 440 | 1 150 | 150 | 16 340 |
| May 97 | 270 | 860 | 1 920 | 1 000 | 3 420 | 3 600 | 880 | 310 | 13 760 |
| Jun 97 | 760 | 1 000 | 2 840 | 890 | 1 340 | 7 010 | 370 | 240 | 16 210 |
| Jul 97 | 590 | 1 030 | 4 230 | 2 090 | 1 640 | 1 840 | 580 | 180 | 15 390 |
| Aug 97 | 850 | 1 020 | 1 470 | 2 960 | 2 660 | 2 740 | 380 | 310 | 15 040 |
| Sep 97 | 940 | 1 770 | 1 150 | 2 530 | 3 180 | 4 230 | 130 | 280 | 17 170 |

(a) Total includes countries not listed in this table.

Reference: Unpublished table PMTWAT31 for monthly figures and PMTRO031 for financial year figures.

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.3

The number of short-term overseas visitor arrivals for holidays in Western Australia in September 1997 rose by 14% on August 1997. There was a total of 17,170 visitors in September 1997 compared with 14,360 in September 1996.

For September 1997, there was an increase in the number of holidaymakers from Singapore of 1,490 or 54%. Holidaymakers from New Zealand and Malaysia increased, by 11% and 19% respectively. There was a decrease in holidaymakers of 65% from Thailand and 22% from Indonesia.

Compared with September 1996, holidaymakers from Singapore increased by 68%, and from the United Kingdom and Ireland by 7%. Over the same period the number of holidaymakers from New Zealand decreased by 18%, by 90% from Malaysia, by 76% from Thailand and by 16% from Indonesia.

2.4

SHORT-TERM DEPARTURES OF RESIDENTS TO SELECTED DESTINATIONS (a)

COUNTRY OF DESTINATION.....

| | New Zealand | UK & Ireland | Indonesia | Malaysia | Singapore | Total(a) |
|------------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| | | | | | | |
| Financial Years | | | | | | |
| 1994-95 | 25 750 | 40 850 | 68 420 | 23 070 | 25 840 | 292 270 |
| 1995-96 | 25 100 | 44 070 | 68 860 | 22 780 | 29 430 | 305 910 |
| 1996-97 | 26 580 | 50 320 | 89 030 | 23 620 | 26 770 | 339 990 |
| Months | | | | | | |
| Jul 96 | 1 850 | 5 830 | 7 790 | 2 090 | 2 400 | 32 280 |
| Aug 96 | 1 900 | 3 760 | 8 100 | 1 510 | 1 950 | 27 420 |
| Sep 96 | 2 680 | 4 920 | 9 390 | 2 860 | 2 470 | 34 960 |
| Oct 96 | 2 150 | 3 090 | 8 990 | 1 890 | 1 890 | 26 830 |
| Nov 96 | 1 830 | 2 740 | 7 590 | 1 840 | 1 820 | 24 850 |
| Dec 96 | 4 790 | 4 990 | 7 230 | 2 960 | 2 690 | 35 260 |
| Jan 97 | 2 770 | 2 240 | 6 510 | 1 650 | 2 020 | 23 760 |
| Feb 97 | 1 910 | 2 170 | 4 870 | 1 930 | 2 380 | 20 340 |
| Mar 97 | 2 210 | 3 290 | 7 630 | 1 740 | 2 960 | 27 960 |
| Apr 97 | 2 360 | 3 670 | 5 900 | 1 540 | 1 860 | 25 870 |
| May 97 | 1 180 | 7 410 | 6 460 | 1 800 | 2 490 | 30 520 |
| Jun 97 | 930 | 6 230 | 8 570 | 1 800 | 1 840 | 29 910 |
| Jul 97 | 2 110 | 7 360 | 10 790 | 3 140 | 2 720 | 40 020 |
| Aug 97 | 1 650 | 4 920 | 10 470 | 2 260 | 3 380 | 33 010 |
| Sep 97 | 2 450 | 5 090 | 12 940 | 2 180 | 3 400 | 40 300 |

(a) Total includes countries not listed in this table.

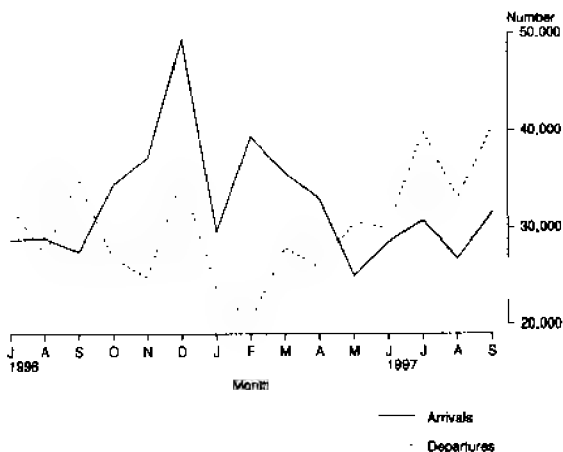
Reference: Unpublished table PMTR0013.

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.4

For September 1997, short term departures of residents from Western Australia increased by 7,290 persons, or 22%, on August 1997. The total of 40,300 persons was 5,340 or 15% higher than recorded for September 1996.

Compared with August 1997, short-term departures of residents to Malaysia fell by 3%. Departures to New Zealand rose by 48%, to United Kingdom and Ireland by 4% and to Singapore by less than 1%.

SHORT-TERM ARRIVALS OF OVERSEAS VISITORS AND DEPARTURES OF RESIDENTS BY MONTH



Source: Unpublished table PMTR0013

2.5

SHORT-TERM DEPARTURES OF RESIDENTS BY AIR TO SELECTED DESTINATIONS: HOLIDAY

COUNTRY OF DESTINATION.....

| | New Zealand | UK & Ireland | Indonesia | Malaysia | Singapore | Thailand | United States | Total (a) |
|------------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|---------------|-----------|
| Financial Years | | | | | | | | |
| 1994-95 | 11 100 | 18 430 | 55 070 | 11 480 | 13 220 | 12 560 | 9 940 | 160 730 |
| 1995-96 | 10 120 | 18 420 | 53 060 | 10 430 | 15 670 | 12 750 | 9 650 | 160 120 |
| 1996-97 | 10 860 | 23 760 | 72 520 | 10 660 | 13 480 | 9 790 | 9 530 | 186 240 |
| Months | | | | | | | | |
| Jul 96 | 960 | 3 020 | 6 680 | 1 040 | 1 320 | 1 080 | 1 720 | 19 110 |
| Aug 96 | 700 | 2 060 | 6 710 | 870 | 860 | 860 | 780 | 16 080 |
| Sep 96 | 840 | 2 190 | 8 340 | 1 500 | 1 020 | 1 150 | 1 110 | 20 830 |
| Oct 96 | 1 070 | 1 710 | 7 330 | 790 | 1 340 | 1 250 | 460 | 15 990 |
| Nov 96 | 640 | 950 | 6 100 | 1 000 | 1 010 | 500 | 450 | 12 620 |
| Dec 96 | 1 790 | 1 970 | 6 430 | 1 510 | 1 420 | 490 | 1 260 | 18 950 |
| Jan 97 | 1 060 | 740 | 5 240 | 830 | 900 | 560 | 500 | 11 980 |
| Feb 97 | 830 | 580 | 3 680 | 620 | 1 020 | 650 | 150 | 9 260 |
| Mar 97 | 960 | 1 250 | 6 520 | 650 | 2 150 | 1 160 | 840 | 16 210 |
| Apr 97 | 1 220 | 1 960 | 4 080 | 310 | 550 | 810 | 610 | 12 910 |
| May 97 | 370 | 4 020 | 5 120 | 630 | 1 120 | 530 | 800 | 15 720 |
| Jun 97 | 420 | 3 320 | 6 290 | 900 | 740 | 740 | 840 | 16 580 |
| Jul 97 | 1 120 | 4 340 | 9 560 | 2 110 | 1 360 | 1 280 | 1 200 | 25 110 |
| Aug 97 | 860 | 2 240 | 8 650 | 910 | 2 270 | 590 | 850 | 19 590 |
| Sep 97 | 1 170 | 2 840 | 11 260 | 780 | 1 800 | 1 640 | 1 950 | 25 120 |

(a) Total includes countries not listed in this table.

Reference: Unpublished table PMTWAT31 for monthly figures and PMTRO031 for financial year figures

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.5

There were 25,120 short-term departures of Western Australian residents for holidays abroad in September 1997. This was 5,530 residents or 28% more than departed in August 1997 and 4,290 residents more than in September 1996.

For September 1997, countries which recorded an increase in the number of Western Australian short-term holidaymakers were New Zealand, UK and Ireland, Indonesia, Thailand and the United States. Of the other popular holiday destinations for Western Australians, Singapore and Malaysia recorded decreases in the proportion of holidaymakers visiting since August 1997.

Indonesia continues to be the favoured short-term holiday destinations for Western Australian residents. Of the total of 25,120 departures for September 1997, 11,260 or 45% chose Indonesia as their holiday destination.

Compared with September 1996, departures of holidaymakers increased by 21% overall. Malaysia was the only country to record a decrease, by 48%, in the number of short term visitors from Western Australia.

For more information regarding Overseas Arrivals and Departures, please contact Carmel Ryan on (08) 9360 5385.

2.6

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

HOTELS, MOTELS, GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES.....

CARAVAN PARKS.....

| | Guest rooms | Room occupancy rates | Guest arrivals | Number of sites | Site occupancy rates | Guest arrivals |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| | Number | % | '000 | Number | % | '000 |
| Financial Years(a) | | | | | | |
| 1993-94 | 14 754 | 57 | 2 154 | 29 202 | 39 | 1 250 |
| 1994-95 | 14 754 | 60 | 2 219 | 29 554 | 40 | 1 231 |
| 1995-96 | 15 085 | 60 | 2 256 | 29 952 | 40 | 1 299 |
| Months | | | | | | |
| Apr 96 | | 59 | 187 | | 41 | 125 |
| May 96 | | 56 | 171 | | 37 | 89 |
| Jun 96 | 15 085 | 55 | 167 | 29 952 | 40 | 98 |
| Jul 96 | | 57 | 193 | | 46 | 151 |
| Aug 96 | | 61 | 207 | | 45 | 164 |
| Sep 96 | 15 396 | 68 | 235 | 29 990 | 44 | 153 |
| Oct 96 | | 67 | 232 | | 38 | 116 |
| Nov 96 | | 61 | 195 | | 36 | 79 |
| Dec 96 | 15 996 | 54 | 193 | 30 105 | 40 | 111 |
| Jan 97 | | 54 | 487 | | 45 | 128 |
| Feb 97 | | 60 | 424 | | 39 | 76 |
| Mar 97 | 16 065 | 58 | 474 | 30 212 | 40 | 102 |
| Apr 97 | | 58 | 193 | | 40 | 105 |
| May 97 | | 53 | 177 | | 38 | 86 |
| Jun 97 | 16 040 | 51 | 165 | 30 238 | 41 | 93 |

HOLIDAY FLATS, UNITS, HOUSES.....

VISITOR HOSTELS.....

| | Guest units | Unit occupancy rates | Unit lettings | Bed spaces | Bed occupancy rates | Guest nights |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Number | % | '000 | Number | % | '000 |
| Financial Years(a) | | | | | | |
| 1993-94 | 2 224 | 55 | 96 | 3 119 | 38 | 416 |
| 1994-95 | 2 419 | 57 | 110 | 2 834 | 41 | 431 |
| 1995-96 | 2 687 | 57 | 134 | 3 171 | 43 | 478 |
| Months | | | | | | |
| Apr 96 | | 64 | 12 | | 46 | 44 |
| May 96 | | 43 | 10 | | 41 | 40 |
| Jun 96 | 2 687 | 46 | 10 | 3 171 | 41 | 39 |
| Jul 96 | | 57 | 11 | | 40 | 39 |
| Aug 96 | | 48 | 10 | | 36 | 36 |
| Sep 96 | 2 705 | 60 | 13 | 3 172 | 39 | 37 |
| Oct 96 | | 63 | 14 | | 39 | 38 |
| Nov 96 | | 54 | 12 | | 41 | 38 |
| Dec 96 | 2 797 | 61 | 13 | 3 109 | 41 | 39 |
| Jan 97 | | 69 | 14 | | 42 | 42 |
| Feb 97 | | 55 | 12 | | 41 | 37 |
| Mar 97 | 2 832 | 58 | 13 | 3 224 | 42 | 42 |
| Apr 97 | | 57 | 12 | | 44 | 42 |
| May 97 | | 46 | 11 | | 40 | 38 |
| Jun 97 | 2 687 | 43 | 9 | 3 259 | 36 | 35 |

(a) Number at 30 June

Reference: ABS Catalogue (8635.5)

For more information regarding this table, please contact Pam Prince on (08) 9360 5207.

3.1

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER): Seasonally Adjusted

| | Employed full-time | Total employed | Total unemployed | Unemployment rate | Participation rate |
|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Males | | | | | |
| Sep 96 | 426.0 | 480.4 | 41.9 | 8.0 | 76.1 |
| Oct 96 | 430.3 | 484.0 | 42.8 | 8.1 | 76.6 |
| Nov 96 | 429.9 | 480.3 | 41.9 | 8.0 | 75.8 |
| Dec 96 | 428.5 | 483.7 | 41.3 | 7.9 | 76.1 |
| Jan 97 | 434.3 | 491.4 | 36.7 | 7.0 | 76.4 |
| Feb 97 | 435.9 | 491.2 | 38.4 | 7.3 | 76.5 |
| Mar 97 | 433.0 | 490.2 | 37.4 | 7.1 | 76.1 |
| Apr 97 | 434.6 | 490.4 | 36.2 | 6.9 | 75.8 |
| May 97 | 436.1 | 492.0 | 37.2 | 7.0 | 76.1 |
| Jun 97 | 437.5 | 495.5 | 38.2 | 7.2 | 76.5 |
| Jul 97 | 439.1 | 491.0 | 39.1 | 7.4 | 75.9 |
| Aug 97 | 440.2 | 497.4 | 38.8 | 7.2 | 76.6 |
| Sep 97 | 442.6 | 496.2 | 40.6 | 7.6 | 76.6 |
| Oct 97 | 438.8 | 498.4 | 33.8 | 6.4 | 75.8 |
| Nov 97 | 443.9 | 503.3 | 38.2 | 7.1 | 76.9 |
| Females | | | | | |
| Sep 96 | 200.1 | 365.3 | 27.3 | 7.0 | 56.7 |
| Oct 96 | 194.3 | 360.8 | 27.4 | 7.1 | 55.9 |
| Nov 96 | 195.3 | 364.0 | 27.8 | 7.1 | 56.3 |
| Dec 96 | 197.6 | 366.5 | 29.6 | 7.5 | 56.8 |
| Jan 97 | 194.8 | 364.5 | 33.4 | 8.4 | 57.0 |
| Feb 97 | 189.7 | 366.5 | 32.3 | 8.1 | 57.0 |
| Mar 97 | 187.8 | 359.4 | 31.6 | 8.1 | 55.8 |
| Apr 97 | 191.7 | 356.8 | 31.5 | 8.1 | 55.4 |
| May 97 | 191.7 | 355.9 | 26.2 | 6.9 | 54.4 |
| Jun 97 | 186.6 | 356.1 | 27.5 | 7.2 | 54.5 |
| Jul 97 | 198.7 | 362.4 | 26.8 | 6.9 | 55.2 |
| Aug 97 | 197.1 | 365.2 | 28.4 | 7.2 | 55.7 |
| Sep 97 | 201.8 | 374.6 | 24.7 | 6.2 | 56.4 |
| Oct 97 | 195.9 | 367.3 | 25.9 | 6.6 | 55.4 |
| Nov 97 | 198.5 | 366.1 | 26.1 | 6.7 | 55.2 |
| Persons | | | | | |
| Sep 96 | 626.1 | 845.7 | 69.2 | 7.6 | 66.3 |
| Oct 96 | 624.6 | 844.8 | 70.2 | 7.7 | 66.2 |
| Nov 96 | 625.2 | 844.3 | 69.7 | 7.6 | 66.0 |
| Dec 96 | 626.0 | 850.2 | 70.9 | 7.7 | 66.4 |
| Jan 97 | 629.1 | 855.9 | 70.1 | 7.6 | 66.7 |
| Feb 97 | 625.6 | 857.7 | 70.8 | 7.6 | 66.7 |
| Mar 97 | 620.8 | 849.6 | 69.0 | 7.5 | 65.9 |
| Apr 97 | 625.3 | 847.3 | 67.8 | 7.4 | 65.5 |
| May 97 | 627.8 | 847.9 | 63.5 | 7.0 | 65.2 |
| Jun 97 | 624.1 | 851.6 | 65.7 | 7.2 | 65.5 |
| Jul 97 | 637.8 | 853.4 | 66.0 | 7.2 | 65.5 |
| Aug 97 | 637.3 | 862.6 | 67.2 | 7.2 | 66.1 |
| Sep 97 | 644.3 | 870.8 | 65.3 | 7.0 | 66.4 |
| Oct 97 | 634.7 | 865.7 | 59.8 | 6.5 | 65.6 |
| Nov 97 | 642.4 | 869.4 | 64.3 | 6.9 | 66.0 |

Reference : The Labour Force, Australia Preliminary (6202.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 3.1

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 0.4% in November 1997.

The seasonally adjusted number of persons unemployed increased by 4,500 to 64,300, while the number of persons employed also increased by 3,700 to 869,400.

Western Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate for November 1997 increased by 0.4 percentage points to 66.0%, and continues to be the highest of all the States.

3.2

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER): Trend (a)

| | Employed full-time | Total employed | Total unemployed | Unemployment rate | Participation rate |
|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | % | % |
| Males | | | | | |
| Sep 96 | 428.1 | 481.2 | 42.5 | 8.1 | 76.3 |
| Oct 96 | 428.8 | 482.3 | 42.1 | 8.0 | 76.3 |
| Nov 96 | 429.8 | 483.8 | 41.3 | 7.9 | 76.3 |
| Dec 96 | 431.1 | 485.7 | 40.2 | 7.6 | 76.2 |
| Jan 97 | 432.4 | 487.7 | 38.9 | 7.4 | 76.2 |
| Feb 97 | 433.6 | 489.5 | 37.9 | 7.2 | 76.2 |
| Mar 97 | 434.4 | 490.9 | 37.2 | 7.0 | 76.2 |
| Apr 97 | 435.4 | 491.8 | 37.2 | 7.0 | 76.2 |
| May 97 | 436.4 | 492.4 | 37.6 | 7.1 | 76.2 |
| Jun 97 | 437.5 | 493.0 | 38.1 | 7.2 | 76.2 |
| Jul 97 | 438.7 | 494.2 | 38.4 | 7.2 | 76.3 |
| Aug 97 | 439.9 | 495.8 | 38.4 | 7.2 | 76.3 |
| Sep 97 | 440.9 | 497.4 | 38.2 | 7.1 | 76.4 |
| Oct 97 | 441.7 | 499.0 | 37.9 | 7.1 | 76.4 |
| Nov 97 | 442.4 | 500.5 | 37.4 | 7.0 | 76.4 |
| Females | | | | | |
| Sep 96 | 198.3 | 364.4 | 28.1 | 7.1 | 56.6 |
| Oct 96 | 197.8 | 365.1 | 28.3 | 7.2 | 56.7 |
| Nov 96 | 196.5 | 365.3 | 29.1 | 7.4 | 56.7 |
| Dec 96 | 194.8 | 365.0 | 30.2 | 7.7 | 56.7 |
| Jan 97 | 193.0 | 364.0 | 31.3 | 7.9 | 56.6 |
| Feb 97 | 191.4 | 362.4 | 31.6 | 8.0 | 56.4 |
| Mar 97 | 190.3 | 360.2 | 31.2 | 8.0 | 55.9 |
| Apr 97 | 190.0 | 358.4 | 30.2 | 7.8 | 55.4 |
| May 97 | 190.8 | 357.9 | 29.0 | 7.5 | 55.0 |
| Jun 97 | 192.7 | 359.4 | 27.8 | 7.2 | 55.0 |
| Jul 97 | 194.8 | 362.1 | 27.0 | 6.9 | 55.2 |
| Aug 97 | 196.6 | 365.0 | 26.6 | 6.8 | 55.4 |
| Sep 97 | 198.0 | 367.3 | 26.2 | 6.7 | 55.6 |
| Oct 97 | 198.9 | 368.9 | 25.9 | 6.6 | 55.7 |
| Nov 97 | 199.5 | 370.0 | 25.9 | 6.5 | 55.7 |
| Persons | | | | | |
| Sep 96 | 626.5 | 845.5 | 70.5 | 7.7 | 66.4 |
| Oct 96 | 626.6 | 847.4 | 70.4 | 7.7 | 66.4 |
| Nov 96 | 626.3 | 849.1 | 70.4 | 7.7 | 66.4 |
| Dec 96 | 625.9 | 850.7 | 70.4 | 7.6 | 66.4 |
| Jan 97 | 625.4 | 851.7 | 70.2 | 7.6 | 66.4 |
| Feb 97 | 625.0 | 851.9 | 69.5 | 7.5 | 66.2 |
| Mar 97 | 624.7 | 851.1 | 68.4 | 7.4 | 66.0 |
| Apr 97 | 625.4 | 850.1 | 67.4 | 7.3 | 65.7 |
| May 97 | 627.2 | 850.3 | 66.5 | 7.3 | 65.5 |
| Jun 97 | 630.2 | 852.4 | 65.9 | 7.2 | 65.5 |
| Jul 97 | 633.6 | 856.3 | 65.4 | 7.1 | 65.7 |
| Aug 97 | 636.6 | 860.7 | 64.9 | 7.0 | 65.8 |
| Sep 97 | 638.9 | 864.7 | 64.4 | 6.9 | 65.9 |
| Oct 97 | 640.6 | 868.0 | 63.8 | 6.8 | 66.0 |
| Nov 97 | 641.9 | 870.4 | 63.3 | 6.8 | 66.0 |

Reference: Labour Force, Australia Preliminary (6202.0)

(a) Trend estimates for the previous six months have been revised

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 3.2

The trend estimate of the unemployment rate remained the same at 6.8%.

For more information regarding these tables, please contact Sharon Morrison on (08) 9360 5900.

3.3

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES — Trend

| | FULL TIME ADULTS..... | | ALL PERSONS |
|----------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Ordinary time earnings | Total earnings | Total earnings |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| | | | |
| Males | | | |
| 17 May 96 | 748.60 | 807.10 | 690.80 |
| 16 Aug 96 | 747.00 | 806.30 | 689.40 |
| 15 Nov 96 | 744.60 | 804.60 | 690.00 |
| 21 Feb 97 | 749.20 | 809.70 | 696.10 |
| 16 May 97 | 759.10 | 819.80 | 704.10 |
| 16 Aug 97 | 771.90 | 832.30 | 711.40 |
| Females | | | |
| 17 May 96 | 577.20 | 589.10 | 411.10 |
| 16 Aug 96 | 584.10 | 596.20 | 412.80 |
| 15 Nov 96 | 585.90 | 598.50 | 415.00 |
| 21 Feb 97 | 587.60 | 599.90 | 417.00 |
| 16 May 97 | 593.00 | 604.90 | 419.00 |
| 16 Aug 97 | 602.50 | 613.70 | 421.20 |
| Persons | | | |
| 17 May 96 | 686.40 | 728.00 | 554.00 |
| 16 Aug 96 | 688.00 | 730.10 | 552.40 |
| 15 Nov 96 | 688.20 | 731.30 | 554.30 |
| 21 Feb 97 | 691.60 | 735.00 | 559.40 |
| 16 May 97 | 698.20 | 741.00 | 563.00 |
| 16 Aug 97 | 707.10 | 748.70 | 564.60 |
| | | | |

Reference: Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (6302.0)

3.4 INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK

WORKERS INVOLVED.....

| | <i>Number of Disputes</i> | <i>Directly</i> | <i>Indirectly</i> | <i>Total</i> | <i>Working days lost</i> |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| | <i>Number</i> | <i>'000</i> | <i>'000</i> | <i>'000</i> | <i>'000</i> |
| | | | | | |
| Calendar Year | | | | | |
| 1994 | 82 | 15.7 | 0.2 | 15.9 | 27.4 |
| 1995 | 70 | 99.7 | 0.0 | 99.7 | 101.6 |
| 1996 | 54 | 36.2 | 0.0 | 36.2 | 47.3 |
| Months | | | | | |
| Jun 96 | 1 | 4.4 | — | 4.4 | 4.4 |
| Jul 96 | 4 | 2.1 | — | 2.1 | 1.8 |
| Aug 96 | 6 | 10.2 | — | 10.2 | 8.5 |
| Sep 96 | 6 | 3.0 | — | 3.0 | 1.6 |
| Oct 96 | 6 | 3.0 | — | 3.3 | 1.6 |
| Nov 96 | 8 | 1.3 | — | 1.3 | 0.8 |
| Dec 96 | 2 | 0.2 | — | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Jan 97 | 4 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 1.4 | 15.5 |
| Feb 97 | 5 | 1.3 | — | 1.3 | 2.4 |
| Mar 97 | 1 | 0.1 | — | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Apr 97 r | 7 | 16.9 | 0.3 | 16.4 | 20.2 |
| May 97 r | 9 | 6.4 | 0.1 | 6.5 | 9.8 |
| Jun 97 | 6 | 4.9 | 0.0 | 4.9 | 3.7 |
| Jul 97 | 10 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 0.8 |
| Aug 97 | 5 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.8 |

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Reference: Industrial Disputes, Unpublished Data

3.5

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS: INDUSTRY-SECTOR

| | NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES..... | | | | | | GROSS EARNINGS |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| | Feb 1996 | May 1996 | Aug 1996 | Nov 1996 | Feb 1997 | May 1997 | June qtr 1997 |
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | \$m |
| Industry | | | | | | | |
| Mining | 30.2 | 29.8 | 29.7 | 29.2 | 28.9 | 30.1 | 449.7 |
| Manufacturing | 65.8 | 69.9 | 74.6 | 69.0 | 74.0 | 67.7 | 598.5 |
| Electricity, gas and water supply | 6.8 | 6.7 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 77.7 |
| Construction | 30.4 | 31.6 | 30.5 | 32.4 | 29.8 | 34.2 | 390.1 |
| Wholesale Trade | 44.0 | 43.1 | 44.1 | 45.1 | 43.3 | 45.7 | 336.1 |
| Retail Trade | 95.8 | 105.0 | 108.7 | 116.9 | 104.0 | 108.2 | 476.4 |
| Accommodation, cafes & restaurants | 29.4 | 32.7 | 34.0 | 37.1 | 37.9 | 37.0 | 140.2 |
| Transport and storage | 24.8 | 24.0 | 23.3 | 21.8 | 23.5 | 25.2 | 240.7 |
| Communication services | 10.7 | 11.0 | 10.5 | 10.1 | 10.4 | 10.1 | 115.1 |
| Finance & insurance | 22.1 | 19.3 | 16.1 | 18.6 | 23.4 | 24.6 | 225.7 |
| Property & business services | 68.8 | 79.9 | 83.3 | 67.4 | 85.6 | 87.2 | 660.5 |
| Government administration and defence | 29.3 | 31.4 | 31.1 | 32.2 | 32.9 | 31.5 | 293.0 |
| Education | 49.8 | 57.0 | 59.3 | 65.4 | 59.9 | 63.7 | 502.3 |
| Health & community services | 75.9 | 76.7 | 73.0 | 72.4 | 67.9 | 67.9 | 472.7 |
| Cultural & recreational services | * 18.7 | * 16.1 | 9.7 | 9.2 | 16.5 | 15.3 | 75.1 |
| Personal & other services | 27.2 | 28.0 | 25.9 | 29.3 | 26.9 | 23.2 | 156.4 |
| All industries (a) | 631.0 | 663.6 | 662.1 | 664.4 | 673.6 | 680.1 | 5 225.2 |
| Sector | | | | | | | |
| Private | 484.8 | 510.5 | 515.6 | 515.5 | 528.3 | 534.0 | 3 879.4 |
| Public | 146.2 | 153.1 | 146.5 | 149.0 | 145.3 | 146.1 | 1 345.8 |

| | February 1997..... | | | May 1997..... | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Full-time | Part-time | Persons | Full-time | Part-time | Persons |
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 |
| Industry | | | | | | |
| Mining | 27.9 | 1.0 | 28.9 | 29.3 | 0.8 | 30.1 |
| Manufacturing | 66.9 | 7.1 | 74.0 | 60.5 | 7.2 | 67.7 |
| Electricity, gas and water supply | 6.8 | 0.2 | 7.0 | 6.8 | 0.2 | 7.0 |
| Construction | 25.7 | 4.1 | 29.8 | 31.3 | 2.9 | 34.2 |
| Wholesale Trade | 33.3 | 10.0 | 43.3 | 34.7 | 11.0 | 45.7 |
| Retail Trade | 48.7 | 55.3 | 104.0 | 48.9 | 59.3 | 108.2 |
| Accommodation, cafes & restaurants | 12.6 | 25.3 | 37.9 | 13.4 | 23.7 | 37.0 |
| Transport and storage | 19.5 | 3.9 | 23.5 | 21.0 | 4.2 | 25.2 |
| Communication services | 9.0 | 1.4 | 10.4 | 8.8 | 1.3 | 10.1 |
| Finance & insurance | 18.3 | 5.2 | 23.4 | 18.4 | 6.3 | 24.6 |
| Property & business services | 62.7 | 22.9 | 85.6 | 57.2 | 30.0 | 87.2 |
| Government administration and defence | 25.7 | 7.2 | 32.9 | 25.3 | 6.2 | 31.5 |
| Education | 38.9 | 21.0 | 59.9 | 39.1 | 24.6 | 63.7 |
| Health & community services | 31.1 | 36.8 | 67.9 | 31.2 | 36.6 | 67.9 |
| Cultural & recreational services | 6.9 | 9.6 | 16.5 | 6.4 | 8.9 | 15.3 |
| Personal & other services | 17.5 | 9.4 | 26.9 | 16.5 | 6.7 | 23.2 |
| All industries (a) | 453.0 | 220.6 | 673.6 | 450.2 | 230.0 | 680.1 |
| Sector | | | | | | |
| Private | 344.6 | 183.7 | 528.3 | 343.3 | 190.8 | 534.0 |
| Public | 108.4 | 36.9 | 145.3 | 106.9 | 39.2 | 146.1 |

(a) Includes employees of government agencies classified to Agriculture, forestry and fishing

Reference: Wage and Salary Earners (6248.0)

4.1

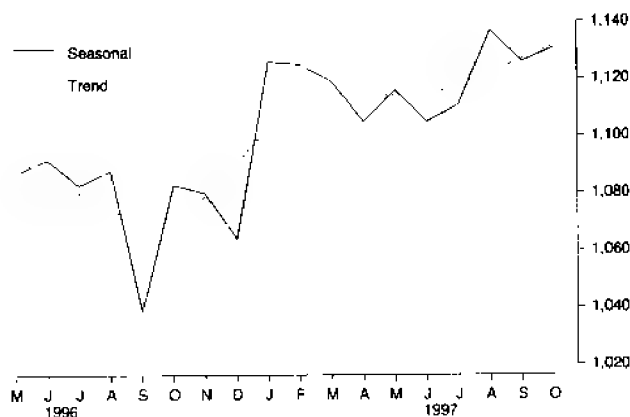
MONTHLY RETAIL TURNOVER: Original

| | Food | Department stores | Clothing and soft goods | Other household goods | Recreational goods |
|--------|-------|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| Months | | | | | |
| Nov 96 | 448.5 | 109.6 | 69.3 | 172.9 | 55.1 |
| Dec 96 | 509.6 | 176.8 | 91.3 | 207.2 | 71.2 |
| Jan 97 | 475.0 | 86.4 | 64.4 | 178.7 | 53.0 |
| Feb 97 | 428.7 | 76.2 | 50.3 | 157.2 | 49.1 |
| Mar 97 | 467.0 | 89.1 | 56.7 | 157.1 | 50.1 |
| Apr 97 | 426.1 | 88.5 | 59.0 | 165.0 | 58.2 |
| May 97 | 454.4 | 107.0 | 65.2 | 174.2 | 59.1 |
| Jun 97 | 417.5 | 81.2 | 53.2 | 163.1 | 55.3 |
| Jul 97 | 445.1 | 95.3 | 50.2 | 167.8 | 59.6 |
| Aug 97 | 445.8 | 87.5 | 45.2 | 170.1 | 56.3 |
| Sep 97 | 437.8 | 94.7 | 44.3 | 173.3 | 57.6 |
| Oct 97 | 478.5 | 104.8 | 53.8 | 182.4 | 60.4 |

| | Hospitality and services | Other | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Trend estimates |
|--------|--------------------------|-------|----------|---------------------|-----------------|
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| Months | | | | | |
| Nov 96 | 161.1 | 105.0 | 1 121.6 | 1 079.5 | 1 079.4 |
| Dec 96 | 179.0 | 133.5 | 1 368.6 | 1 064.3 | 1 091.1 |
| Jan 97 | 163.1 | 93.1 | 1 113.8 | 1 125.8 | 1 103.2 |
| Feb 97 | 150.4 | 91.7 | 1 003.5 | 1 125.0 | 1 111.6 |
| Mar 97 | 160.0 | 87.4 | 1 067.4 | 1 119.1 | 1 115.1 |
| Apr 97 | 161.8 | 101.4 | 1 060.1 | 1 104.7 | 1 114.9 |
| May 97 | 163.1 | 103.2 | 1 126.2 | 1 115.6 | 1 114.1 |
| Jun 97 | 157.9 | 91.2 | 1 019.4 | 1 104.6 | 1 114.3 |
| Jul 97 | 173.4 | 105.9 | 1 097.2 | 1 111.3 | 1 117.6 |
| Aug 97 | 171.5 | 103.8 | 1 080.3 | 1 136.7 | 1 122.4 |
| Sep 97 | 171.8 | 117.7 | 1 091.1 | 1 126.5 | 1 127.3 |
| Oct 97 | 171.1 | 113.2 | 1 164.2 | 1 130.8 | 1 132.5 |

Reference: Retail Trade, Australia (8501.0)

MONTHLY RETAIL TURNOVER, WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Source: Retail Trade, Australia (8501.0)

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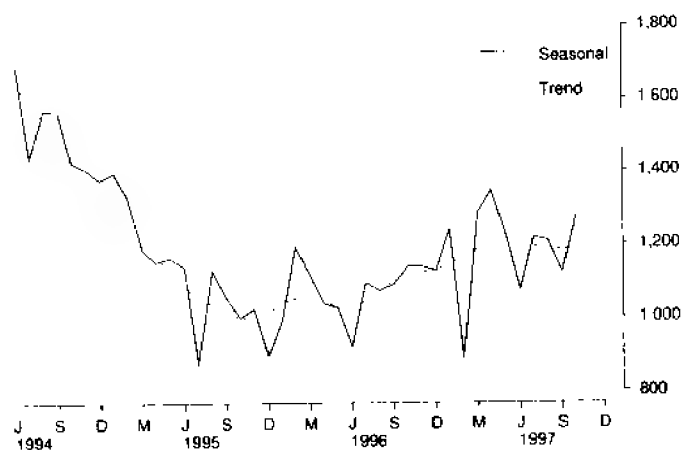
NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED

| | HOUSES..... | | OTHER RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS..... | | TOTAL (a)..... | |
|------------------------|----------------|---------|----------------------------------|-------|----------------|---------|
| | Dwelling Units | Value | Dwelling Units | Value | Dwelling Units | Value |
| | No. | \$m | No. | \$m | No. | \$m |
| Financial years | | | | | | |
| 1994-95 | 16 207 | 1 354.3 | 6 105 | 420.3 | 22 427 | 1 774.6 |
| 1995-96 | 12 211 | 1 148.3 | 3 527 | 272.3 | 15 853 | 1 420.7 |
| 1996-97 | 13 633 | 1 349.1 | 2 013 | 175.7 | 15 743 | 1 524.7 |
| Months | | | | | | |
| Aug 96 | 1 134 | 110.4 | 136 | 11.1 | 1 277 | 121.4 |
| Sep 96 | 1 108 | 108.2 | 127 | 9.0 | 1 245 | 117.2 |
| Oct 96 | 1 157 | 111.0 | 204 | 15.9 | 1 376 | 126.9 |
| Nov 96 | 1 175 | 112.6 | 187 | 15.2 | 1 366 | 127.8 |
| Dec 96 | 1 035 | 102.4 | 194 | 18.1 | 1 242 | 120.5 |
| Jan 97 | 1 034 | 103.4 | 135 | 15.6 | 1 182 | 119.0 |
| Feb 97 | 803 | 80.2 | 238 | 21.1 | 1 047 | 101.3 |
| Mar 97 | 1 039 | 108.7 | 165 | 17.1 | 1 216 | 125.8 |
| Apr 97 | 1 456 | 143.8 | 163 | 15.4 | 1 626 | 159.2 |
| May 97 | 1 376 | 140.5 | 195 | 16.8 | 1 576 | 157.3 |
| Jun 97 | 1 151 | 120.6 | 103 | 9.6 | 1 254 | 130.2 |
| Jul 97 | 1 283 | 129.8 | 223 | 17.4 | 1 531 | 147.2 |
| Aug 97 | 1 225 | 125.1 | 132 | 10.0 | 1 373 | 135.0 |
| Sep 97 | 1 216 | 129.0 | 95 | 10.3 | 1 328 | 139.3 |
| Oct 97 | 1 323 | 136.4 | 183 | 14.2 | 1 508 | 150.6 |

(a) Includes conversions

Reference: Building Approvals, Western Australia (8731.5)

NEW HOUSES APPROVED, WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Source: Building Approvals, Western Australia (8731.5)

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5.2

NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED

| | <i>Private</i> | <i>Public</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| Financial Years | | | |
| 1994-95 | 580.9 | 147.3 | 728.2 |
| 1995-96 | 692.0 | 111.1 | 803.1 |
| 1996-97 | 774.3 | 430.1 | 1 204.4 |
| Months | | | |
| Aug 96 | 71.7 | 61.7 | 133.4 |
| Sep 96 | 74.1 | 17.8 | 91.9 |
| Oct 96 | 114.6 | 26.4 | 141.0 |
| Nov 96 | 54.9 | 110.1 | 165.0 |
| Dec 96 | 39.0 | 7.4 | 46.4 |
| Jan 97 | 31.7 | 35.0 | 66.7 |
| Feb 97 | 73.6 | 44.2 | 117.8 |
| Mar 97 | 68.3 | 22.1 | 90.4 |
| Apr 97 | 72.7 | 6.1 | 78.8 |
| May 97 | 63.1 | 83.3 | 146.4 |
| Jun 97 | 46.3 | 7.8 | 54.1 |
| Jul 97 | 71.2 | 34.1 | 105.3 |
| Aug 97 | 51.8 | 29.6 | 81.4 |
| Sep 97 | 54.3 | 2.2 | 56.5 |
| Oct 97 | 64.6 | 33.7 | 98.3 |

Reference: Building Approvals, Western Australia (8731.5)

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5.3

SELECTED HOUSING PRICE INDEXES: PERTH

| | <i>Materials used in house building</i> | <i>Established homes</i> | <i>Project homes</i> |
|------------------------|---|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Financial Years | | | |
| 1994-95 | 112.7 | 109.0 | 100.0 |
| 1995-96 | 114.8 | 108.2 | 101.6 |
| 1996-97 | 115.3 | 109.2 | 101.3 |
| Quarters | | | |
| Jun 96 | 114.6 | 108.2 | 101.4 |
| Sep 96 | 115.0 | 108.0 | 101.5 |
| Dec 96 | 115.0 | 107.5 | 101.4 |
| Mar 97 | 115.3 | 110.4 | 101.2 |
| Jun 97 | 115.8 | 110.9 | 101.2 |
| Sep 97 | 116.0 | 112.2 | 101.3 |

Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0

References: Price Index of Materials used in House Building (6408.0),
House Price Indexes (6416.0)

5.4

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING, PERTH

SPECIAL SERIES.....

| | <i>All groups</i> | <i>Electrical materials</i> | <i>Mechanical services</i> | <i>Plumbing</i> |
|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| ***** | | | | |
| Financial years | | | | |
| 1994-95 | 110.1 | 107.3 | 106.8 | 114.4 |
| 1995-96 | 113.2 | 113.0 | 112.3 | 120.1 |
| 1996-97 | 114.6 | 110.6 | 113.3 | 119.2 |
| Quarters | | | | |
| Jun 96 | 113.5 | 113.8 | 114.5 | 119.9 |
| Sep 96 | 114.0 | 111.0 | 114.0 | 117.5 |
| Dec 96 | 114.3 | 109.7 | 113.0 | 117.8 |
| Mar 97 | 114.9 | 110.7 | 113.2 | 119.9 |
| Jun 97 | 115.2 | 111.0 | 112.9 | 121.6 |
| Sep 97 | 115.3 | 111.0 | 113.1 | 124.7 |

SELECTED MAJOR BUILDING MATERIALS.....

| | <i>Structural timber</i> | <i>Clay bricks</i> | <i>Ready mixed concrete</i> | <i>Structural steel</i> | <i>Aluminium windows</i> |
|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ***** | | | | | |
| Financial years | | | | | |
| 1994-95 | 110.6 | 118.0 | 117.8 | 103.6 | 112.5 |
| 1995-96 | 109.3 | 120.7 | 115.0 | 107.5 | 118.1 |
| 1996-97 | 106.6 | 124.1 | 120.1 | 113.9 | 117.0 |
| Quarters | | | | | |
| Jun 96 | 108.6 | 122.3 | 114.7 | 108.6 | 117.6 |
| Sep 96 | 106.8 | 123.5 | 119.6 | 109.9 | 116.4 |
| Dec 96 | 105.6 | 123.6 | 119.5 | 113.4 | 116.4 |
| Mar 97 | 106.9 | 123.6 | 121.0 | 116.1 | 116.4 |
| Jun 97 | 107.2 | 125.5 | 120.1 | 116.1 | 118.8 |
| Sep 97 | 107.2 | 127.4 | 118.8 | 116.1 | 118.8 |

Base of each index 1989-90 = 100.0

Reference: Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other than House Building (6407.0)

6.1

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED ('000)

| | CATTLE..... | | | OTHER..... | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------|---------|---------|------|
| | Bulls, bullocks, steers | Cows, heifers | Total (excluding calves) | Calves | Sheep | Lambs | Pigs |
| Financial Years | | | | | | | |
| 1994-95 | 244 | 186 | 430 | 4 | r 3 088 | r 1 464 | 604 |
| 1995-96 | 218 | 182 | 400 | 3 | r 2 833 | r 1 594 | 563 |
| 1996-97p | 198 | 208 | 406 | 5 | 2 785 | 2 094 | 551 |
| Months | | | | | | | |
| Aug 96 p | 14 | 15 | 29 | - | 230 | 173 | 44 |
| Sep 96 p | 17 | 17 | 33 | 1 | 275 | 179 | 43 |
| Oct 96 p | 20 | 20 | 40 | - | 314 | 242 | 39 |
| Nov 96 p | 20 | 20 | 40 | 1 | 270 | 157 | 45 |
| Dec 96 p | 21 | 20 | 41 | - | 235 | 129 | 47 |
| Jan 97 p | 20 | 21 | 41 | - | 219 | 126 | 43 |
| Feb 97 p | 17 | 21 | 38 | - | 223 | 180 | 46 |
| Mar 97 p | 14 | 18 | r 32 | - | 239 | 176 | 50 |
| Apr 97 p | 14 | 15 | 30 | - | 227 | 198 | 45 |
| May 97 p | 14 | 16 | 30 | 1 | 250 | 229 | 49 |
| Jun 97 p | 13 | 14 | r 28 | - | 131 | 141 | 53 |
| Jul 97 p | 15 | 17 | 32 | 1 | r 150 | 155 | 47 |
| Aug 97 p | 15 | 17 | 32 | - | 225 | 155 | 45 |
| Sep 97 p | r 18 | r 19 | r 37 | - | r 295 | 222 | 45 |
| Oct 97p | 21 | 22 | 42 | - | 338 | 218 | 43 |

Reference: Livestock Products (7215.0)

6.2

MEAT PRODUCED (a)(Tonnes Carcass Weight)

| | Beef | Veal | Mutton | Lamb | Pigmeat |
|------------------------|---------|------|---------|---------|---------|
| Financial Years | | | | | |
| 1994-95 | 97 140 | 250 | 61 868r | 22 359r | 37 109 |
| 1995-96 | 94 859 | 213 | 57 428r | 28 139r | 35 341 |
| 1996-97p | 9 3625r | 290r | 55 337 | 35 881 | 38 897 |
| Months | | | | | |
| Jul 96p | 5 731 | 23 | 3 412 | 2 778 | 2 892 |
| Aug 96p | 6 731 | 23 | 4 532 | 2 951 | 2 913 |
| Sep 96p | 7 907 | 29 | 5 383 | 3 054 | 2 991 |
| Oct 96p | 9 456 | 24 | 6 272 | 3 985 | 2 919 |
| Nov 96p | 9 416 | 25 | 5 466 | 2 644 | 3 165 |
| Dec 96p | 9 130 | 26 | 4 693 | 2 226 | 3 261 |
| Jan 97p | 9 291 | 23 | 4 245 | 2 161 | 3 095 |
| Feb 97p | 8 512 | 21 | 4 280 | 3 110 | 3 310 |
| Mar 97p | 7 389 | 21 | 4 982 | 2 990 | 3 575 |
| Apr 97p | 6 662 | 17 | 4 681 | 3 381 | 3 149 |
| May 97p | 7 024 | 37 | 4 835 | 3 974 | 3 734 |
| Jun 97p | 6 375 | 22 | 2 556 | 2 606 | 3 893 |
| Jul 97p | 7 555 | 24 | 3 026 | r 2 834 | 3 077 |
| Aug 97p | r 7 465 | 20 | 4 680 | 2 590 | r 2 944 |
| Sep 97p | r 8 932 | 24 | r 6 354 | r 4 007 | r 3 019 |
| Oct 97p | 10 246 | 23 | 7 216 | 3 913 | 2 815 |

(a) Red meat is shown in carcass weight and excludes offal.

Reference: Livestock Products (7215.0)

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| | RECEIVALS OF TAXABLE WOOL BY BROKERS AND DEALERS..... | | EXPORT OF LIVE SHEEP..... | | |
|------------------------|--|----------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Bales | Tonnes | Quantity '000 | Gross Value \$'000 | Gross Weight '000t |
| Financial Years | | | | | |
| 1994-95 | 972 837 | 172 575 | 3 871.4 | 127 974 | 193.3 |
| 1995-96 | 931 048 | 165 842 | 4 690.6 | 181 069 | 232.3 |
| 1996-97 | 909 768 | 161 708 | r 3 747.5 | r 136 613 | r 188.5 |
| Months | | | | | |
| Aug 96 | 99 902 | 17 933 | 262.2 | 9 613 | 12.4 |
| Sep 96 | 121 600 | 21 734 | 437.7 | 16 378 | 21.9 |
| Oct 96 | 121 626 | 21 541 | 466.8 | 17 067 | 24.3 |
| Nov 96 | 84 634 | 14 957 | 329.2 | 11 537 | 17.2 |
| Dec 96 | 35 865 | 6 274 | 274.1 | 9 365 | 13.9 |
| Jan 97 | 63 003 | 11 221 | 354.4 | 12 425 | 19.2 |
| Feb 97 | 84 524 | 14 989 | 368.6 | 13 077 | 18.8 |
| Mar 97 | 85 467 | 15 239 | 387.0 | 14 226 | 19.1 |
| Apr 97 | 78 123 | 13 834 | 70.4 | 2 693 | 3.4 |
| May 97 | 44 266 | 7 801 | 323.5 | r 12 095 | r 16.1 |
| Jun 97 | 37 431 | 6 675 | 264.6 | 10 595 | 12.0 |
| Jul 97 | r 63 386 | r 11 226 | r 230.8 | r 9 369 | r 11.6 |
| Aug 97 | r 89 054 | r 15 806 | 114.3 | 4 157 | 5.9 |
| Sep 97 | 74 178 | 13 206 | 293.4 | 10 616 | 14.3 |
| Oct 97 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | 336.7 | 12 164 | 17.6 |

(a) Source: National Council of Wool Selling Brokers

Reference: FASTTRACCS Trade Statistics

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6.4

ENERGY PRODUCTION

| | Coal(a) | Electricity generated | Gas for distribution(b) | Crude oil(c)(d) | Natural gas(d) |
|------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| | '000 tonnes | million kWh | million MJ | mega-litres | million m ³ |
| Financial Years | | | | | |
| 1994-95 | 5 882 | 16 756 | 186 658 | 12 680 | 15 714 |
| 1995-96 | 5 897 | 17 422 | 181 710 | 9 676 | 16 766 |
| 1996-97 | 5 557 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. |
| Months | | | | | |
| Aug 96 | 414 | 1 473 | 17 097 | | |
| Sep 96 | 469 | 1 379 | 15 454 | 4 187 | 4 115 |
| Oct 96 | 517 | 1 412 | 15 558 | | |
| Nov 96 | 584 | 1 328 | 17 457 | | |
| Dec 96 | 446 | 1 401 | 17 883 | 4 475 | 4 516 |
| Jan 97 | 448 | 1 463 | 17 659 | | |
| Feb 97 | 469 | 1 362 | 15 408 | | |
| Mar 97 | 561 | 1 331 | 17 201 | 3 750 | 4 130 |
| Apr 97 | 407 | 1 302 | 17 147 | | |
| May 97 | 393 | 1 315 | 18 506 | | |
| Jun 97 | 470 | 1 404 | 17 594 | 3 938 | 3 952 |
| Jul 97 | 413 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | | |
| Aug 97 | 482 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | | |
| Sep 97 | 522 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. |
| Oct 97 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | | |

(a) Department of Minerals and Energy

(b) Available for issue through mains

(c) Includes condensate

(d) Source: Australian Bureau of Agriculture and Resource Economics

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6.5

MINERAL EXPLORATION: EXPENDITURE BY TYPE OF MINERAL SOUGHT

| | METALLIC MINERALS..... | | | NON-METALLIC MINERALS.... | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| | <i>Base metals(a)</i> | <i>Gold</i> | <i>Other</i> | <i>Diamonds</i> | <i>Other</i> | <i>Total minerals</i> |
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| Financial Years | | | | | | |
| 1993-94 | 63.3 | 310.2 | 31.5 | 46.6 | 2.1 | 453.7 |
| 1994-95 | 58.8 | 379.4 | 17.9 | 35.2 | 5.6 | 495.5 |
| 1995-96 | 89.0 | 367.8 | 6.9 | 33.8 | 6.0 | 519.5 |
| Quarters | | | | | | |
| Mar 96 | 21.8 | 83.9 | n.a. | 4.9 | 2.1 | 117.8 |
| Jun 96 | 32.3 | 93.4 | n.a. | 11.7 | 1.6 | 147.0 |
| Sep 96 | 23.6 | 120.2 | 0.8 | 8.8 | 1.4 | 162.8 |
| Dec 96 | 20.1 | 147.9 | n.a. | 11.5 | n.a. | 187.7 |
| Mar 97 | 17.4 | 108.1 | 1.1 | 7.5 | 0.4 | 144.2 |
| Jun 97 | 27.0 | 1 555.5 | 1.4 | 10.8 | 1.2 | 210.0 |

(a) Includes copper, lead, zinc, silver, nickel and cobalt.

Reference: Actual and Expected Private Mineral Exploration Expenditure, Australia (8412.0)

6.6

MINERAL PRODUCTION

| | <i>Iron ore</i> | <i>Bauxite</i> | <i>Gold</i> | <i>Ilmenite</i> | <i>Nickel</i> | <i>Diamonds</i> |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| | '000 tonnes | '000 tonnes | tonnes | '000 tonnes | '000 tonnes | '000 carats |
| Financial Years | | | | | | |
| 1994-95 | 132 743 | 26 852 | 187.3 | 1 631 | 94 | 43 590 |
| 1995-96 | 143 489 | 28 250 | 206.4 | 1 871 | 105 | 42 566 |
| 1996-97 | 148 353 | 27 466 | 226.6 | 1 910 | 115 | 37 120 |
| Quarters | | | | | | |
| Jun 96 | r 35 823 | 6 825 | 55.9 | 477 | 30 | 9 835 |
| Sep 96 | r 36 603 | 6 865 | 53.8 | 464 | 28 | 11 235 |
| Dec 96 | 37 576 | 6 734 | 57.2 | 472 | 29 | 9 450 |
| Mar 97 | 35 864 | 6 722 | 56.0 | r 484 | 28 | 7 036 |
| Jun 97 | 36 310 | 7 144 | 59.5 | 490 | 30 | 9 399 |

Source: Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics

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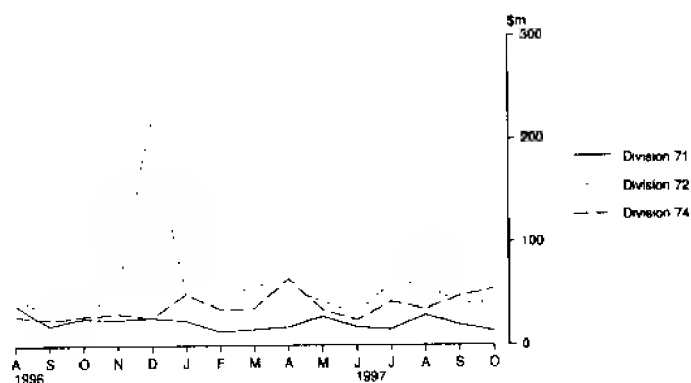
7.1

IMPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISIONS

| | 33 Petroleum, petroleum products, etc | 71 Power generating equipment and machinery | 72 Machinery specialised for particular industries | 74 General industrial machinery and equipment | 78 Road vehicles |
|------------------------|--|---|--|---|------------------------|
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| Financial Years | | | | | |
| 1994-95 | 823.8 | 203.1 | 436.9 | 308.0 | 802.1 |
| 1995-96 | 768.9 | 356.1 | 510.3 | 345.7 | 794.5 |
| 1996-97 | 1 010.4 | 309.8 | 696.9 | 420.8 | 811.6 |
| Months | | | | | |
| Aug 96 | 92.7 | 40.2 | 46.3 | 29.8 | 74.3 |
| Sep 96 | 39.2 | 20.0 | 31.9 | 26.3 | 63.0 |
| Oct 96 | 107.3 | 27.5 | 33.0 | 29.7 | 81.0 |
| Nov 96 | 66.2 | 26.3 | 49.0 | 31.7 | 73.2 |
| Dec 96 | 126.6 | 28.3 | 217.8 | 27.8 | 66.6 |
| Jan 97 | 109.8 | 24.7 | 49.4 | 50.4 | 61.3 |
| Feb 97 | 118.0 | 13.9 | 45.3 | 35.7 | 57.4 |
| Mar 97 | 36.2 | 16.3 | 59.5 | 36.5 | 63.4 |
| Apr 97 | 44.4 | 18.6 | 55.9 | 64.9 | 66.7 |
| May 97 | 85.2 | 29.1 | 43.1 | 35.1 | 75.2 |
| Jun 97 | 70.2 | 18.5 | 31.4 | 25.9 | 58.3 |
| Jul 97 | 72.2 | 15.6 | 60.9 | 42.8 | 87.8 |
| Aug 97 | 59.0 | 30.7 | 58.3 | 35.4 | 76.1 |
| Sep 97 | 88.9 | 20.5 | 41.1 | 48.3 | 86.2 |
| Oct 97 | 67.4 | 14.0 | 42.4 | 55.0 | 100.2 |

Reference: FASTTRACCS Trade Statistics

IMPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISION



Source: FASTTRACCS Trade Statistics

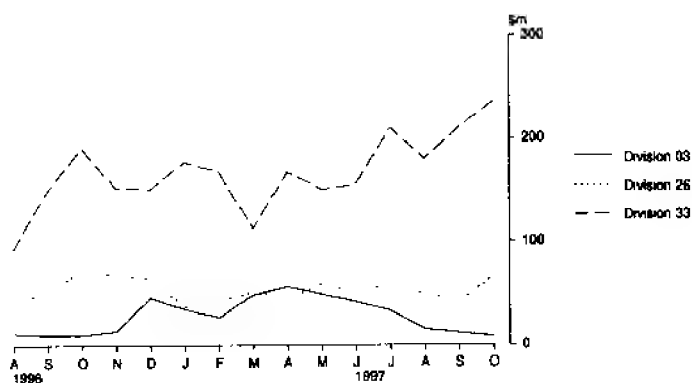
7.2

EXPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISIONS

| | 03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs, etc | 04 Cereals and cereal preparations | 26 Textile fibres and waste (excluding yarn or fabric) | 28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap | 33 Petroleum, petroleum products etc. |
|------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| Financial Years | | | | | |
| 1994-95 | 408.6 | 1 154.3 | 733.8 | 3 094.0 | 1 544.4 |
| 1995-96 | 364.2 | 1 874.9 | 692.6 | 3 221.8 | 1 586.0 |
| 1996-97 | 371.3 | 1 667.7 | 646.1 | 3 591.4 | 1 942.5 |
| Months | | | | | |
| Aug 96 | 12.0 | 104.4 | 44.2 | 295.8 | 92.9 |
| Sep 96 | 10.0 | 113.1 | 49.9 | 289.9 | 150.0 |
| Oct 96 | 10.0 | 120.5 | 72.4 | 278.4 | 190.8 |
| Nov 96 | 14.1 | 90.5 | 67.7 | 273.4 | 152.9 |
| Dec 96 | 45.6 | 177.9 | 64.2 | 271.5 | 151.9 |
| Jan 97 | 34.8 | 201.3 | 37.2 | 280.4 | 177.8 |
| Feb 97 | 27.1 | 146.7 | 42.8 | 275.6 | 168.1 |
| Mar 97 | 48.8 | 207.2 | 51.9 | 321.2 | 113.0 |
| Apr 97 | 56.0 | 158.3 | 44.4 | 312.8 | 167.8 |
| May 97 | 49.0 | 120.8 | 58.8 | 354.4 | 151.2 |
| Jun 97 | 41.4 | 104.6 | 51.1 | 337.2 | 156.0 |
| Jul 97 | 33.0 | 94.9 | 58.0 | 324.7 | 209.8 |
| Aug 97 | 15.3 | 73.5 | 48.6 | 368.1 | 180.2 |
| Sep 97 | 12.1 | 103.9 | 42.2 | 354.8 | 210.6 |
| Oct 97 | 8.3 | 138.9 | 65.9 | 310.6 | 235.7 |

Reference: FASTTRACCS Trade Statistics

EXPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISION



Source: FASTTRACCS Trade Statistics

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8.1

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS (a)

| | WESTERN AUSTRALIA..... | | | | PERTH STATISTICAL DIVISION..... | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|----------|---------------------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| | Passenger vehicles | Light commercial vehicles | Trucks and buses | Total(b) | Motorcycles and scooters | Total(b) | Motorcycles and scooters |
| Financial Years | | | | | | | |
| 1994-95 r | 52 094 | 10 693 | 2 168 | 64 955 | 2 355 | 52 167 | 1 655 |
| 1995-96 r | 51 319 | 10 838 | 2 324 | 64 481 | 2 441 | 51 514 | 1 648 |
| 1996-97 p | 56 984 | 10 828 | 2 207 | 70 019 | 2 692 | 54 721 | 1 837 |
| Months | | | | | | | |
| Aug 96 | 4 728 | 839 | 177 | 5 744 | 216 | 4 623 | 133 |
| Sep 96 | 4 392 | 748 | 177 | 5 317 | 183 | 4 331 | 111 |
| Oct 96 | 5 209 | 874 | 196 | 6 279 | 238 | 4 977 | 165 |
| Nov 96 | 4 656 | 819 | 186 | 5 661 | 368 | 4 455 | 287 |
| Dec 96 | 4 861 | 859 | 181 | 5 901 | 228 | 4 584 | 159 |
| Jan 97 | 4 436 | 802 | 129 | 5 367 | 196 | 4 222 | 136 |
| Feb 97 | 4 760 | 989 | 186 | 5 935 | 205 | 4 587 | 126 |
| Mar 97 | 4 167 | 874 | 161 | 5 202 | 213 | 3 966 | 153 |
| Apr 97 | 4 670 | 960 | 221 | 5 851 | 188 | 4 478 | 115 |
| May 97 | 5 072 | 909 | 183 | 6 164 | 234 | 5 089 | 162 |
| Jun 97 | 5 267 | 1 254 | 207 | 6 728 | 238 | 5 063 | 173 |
| Jul 97 | 5 409 | 905 | 173 | 6 487 | 185 | 5 151 | 114 |
| Aug 97 | 5 000 | 756 | 181 | 5 937 | 208 | 4 792 | 133 |
| Sep 97 | 5 339 | 786 | 149 | 6 297 | 196 | 4 977 | 129 |
| Oct 97 | 6 334 | 934 | 220 | 7 488 | 436 | 5 832 | 352 |

(a) Excludes plant and equipment, caravans and trailers. (b) Excludes motor cycles.

Reference: Unpublished statistics

8.2

VEHICLE REGISTRATION STATISTICS(a)

| | PASSENGER VEHICLES..... | | OTHER VEHICLES..... | | TOTAL..... | |
|---------------|-------------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|------------|-------|
| | Original | Trend | Original | Trend | Original | Trend |
| Months | | | | | | |
| Aug 96 | 4 728 | 4 635 | 1 016 | 1 103 | 5 744 | 5 734 |
| Sep 96 | 4 392 | 4 655 | 925 | 1 072 | 5 317 | 5 727 |
| Oct 96 | 5 209 | 4 686 | 1 070 | 1 044 | 6 279 | 5 730 |
| Nov 96 | 4 656 | 4 709 | 1 005 | 1 039 | 5 661 | 5 748 |
| Dec 96 | 4 861 | 4 722 | 1 040 | 1 054 | 5 901 | 5 776 |
| Jan 97 | 4 436 | 4 732 | 931 | 1 080 | 5 367 | 5 812 |
| Feb 97 | 4 760 | 4 759 | 1 175 | 1 106 | 5 935 | 5 865 |
| Mar 97 | 4 167 | 4 805 | 1 035 | 1 123 | 5 202 | 5 928 |
| Apr 97 | 4 670 | 4 875 | 1 181 | 1 126 | 5 851 | 6 001 |
| May 97 | 5 072 | 4 958 | 1 092 | 1 117 | 6 164 | 6 075 |
| Jun 97 | 5 267 | 5 052 | 1 254 | 1 109 | 6 521 | 6 161 |
| Jul 97 | 5 409 | 5 148 | 1 078 | 1 103 | 6 487 | 6 251 |
| Aug 97 | 5 000 | 5 234 | 937 | 1 096 | 5 937 | 6 330 |
| Sep 97 | 5 339 | 5 326 | 958 | 1 097 | 6 297 | 6 423 |
| Oct 97 | 6 334 | 5 603 | 1 154 | 1 102 | 7 488 | 6 705 |

(a) Excludes motorcycles, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers.

Reference: Unpublished statistics

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9.1

PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY SELECTED INDUSTRY GROUPS: Original

| | SELECTED INDUSTRY..... | | | TOTAL..... | |
|------------------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------|
| | Mining | Manufacturing | Other selected industries | Original | Seasonally adjusted |
| | | | | | |
| Financial Years | | | | | |
| 1995-96 | 4 285 | 1 046 | 2 575 | 7 907 | 7 899 |
| 1996-97 | 4 115 | 624 | 1 829 | 6 568 | 6 588 |
| Quarters | | | | | |
| Mar 96 | 934 | 217 | 573 | 1 725 | 1 880 |
| Jun 96 | 1 141 | 414 | 598 | 2 153 | 2 065 |
| Sep 96 | 865 | 162 | 505 | 1 532 | 1 716 |
| Dec 96 | 1 063 | 166 | 581 | 1 810 | 1 600 |
| Mar 97 | 1 063 | 145 | 323 | 1 531 | 1 661 |
| Jun 97 | 1 124 | 152 | 419 | 1 695 | 1 611 |
| | | | | | |

Reference: State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (5646.0)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.....

| Indicator | Period | Unit | Current Australian figure | Current figure | Change from last period (%) | Figure one year ago | Change from one year ago(%) |
|--|--------------|-----------|---------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Population | | | | | | | |
| Estimated resident population | Mar qtr 97 p | '000 | 18 492.0 | 1 791.2 | 0.5 | 1 758.5 | 1.9 |
| Natural increase | Mar qtr 97 p | No. | 33 855 | 3 953 | 17.3 | 3 651 | 8.3 |
| Tourism | | | | | | | |
| <i>Hotels and motels, etc with facilities</i> | | | | | | | |
| Guest arrivals | Jun qtr 97 | '000 | 7 278.2 | 535.7 | -5.7 | 524.0 | 2.2 |
| Guest rooms available | Jun qtr 97 | No. | 175 847 | 16 040 | -0.2 | 15 085 | 6.3 |
| Room occupancy rates | Jun qtr 97 | % | 54.6 | 53.8 | -5.8 | 56.5 | -4.8 |
| <i>Overseas visitors</i> | | | | | | | |
| Short-term arrivals | Sep 97 | No. | 330 936 | 31 644 | 18.2 | 27 540 | 14.9 |
| Long-term arrivals | Sep 97 | No. | 5 905 | 641 | -7.0 | 540 | 18.7 |
| <i>Resident Departures</i> | | | | | | | |
| Short-term departures | Sep 97 | No. | 304 239 | 40 302 | 22.1 | 27 420 | 47.0 |
| Long-term departures | Sep 97 | No. | 5 310 | 630 | -10.1 | 520 | 21.2 |
| Employment | | | | | | | |
| <i>Employed persons</i> | | | | | | | |
| Trend | Oct 97 | '000 | 8 434.0 | 867.8 | 0.4 | 847.4 | 2.4 |
| <i>Unemployed persons</i> | | | | | | | |
| Looking for work (Trend) | Oct 97 | '000 | 784.3 | 63.4 | -3.5 | 70.4 | -9.9 |
| <i>Participation rate</i> | | | | | | | |
| Trend | Oct 97 | % | 63.0 | 66.0 | 0.0 | 66.4 | -0.6 |
| <i>Unemployment rate</i> | | | | | | | |
| Trend | Oct 97 | % | 8.5 | 6.8 | -4.2 | 7.7 | -11.7 |
| <i>Full-time adult average weekly earnings (Trend)</i> | | | | | | | |
| Males | Aug 97 | \$ | 807.90 | 832.30 | 1.5 | 806.30 | 3.2 |
| Females | Aug 97 | \$ | 640.70 | 613.70 | 1.5 | 596.20 | 2.9 |
| Persons | Aug 97 | \$ | 745.90 | 748.70 | 1.0 | 730.10 | 2.5 |
| Retail | | | | | | | |
| <i>Monthly retail turnover</i> | | | | | | | |
| Original | Oct 97 | \$m | 11 433.2 | 1 164.2 | 6.7 | 1 117.9 | 4.1 |
| Trend | Oct 97 | \$m | 11 210.5 | 1 132.5 | 0.6 | 1 071.6 | 5.7 |
| Construction | | | | | | | |
| <i>Building Approvals</i> | | | | | | | |
| Dwelling Units | Oct 97 | No | 12 626 | 1 508 | 13.6 | 1 376 | 9.6 |
| Value of all building | Oct 97 | \$m | 2 767.5 | 267.2 | 26.2 | 282.1 | -5.3 |
| <i>Housing Price Indexes</i> | | | | | | | |
| Materials used in house building | Sep qtr 97 | Index No. | 117.3 | 116.0 | 0.2 | 115.0 | 0.9 |
| Established houses | Sep qtr 97 | Index No. | 118.9 | 112.2 | 1.2 | 108.0 | 3.9 |
| Project homes | Sep qtr 97 | Index No. | 109.9 | 101.3 | 0.1 | 101.5 | -0.2 |
| Mineral Exploration | | | | | | | |
| Gold | Jun qtr 97 | \$m | 224.5 | 155.5 | 43.8 | 93.4 | 66.5 |
| Other minerals | Jun qtr 97 | \$m | 131.1 | 54.5 | 50.9 | 53.6 | 1.7 |
| Overseas Trade | | | | | | | |
| Imports | Oct 97 | \$m | 7 877.9 | 704.3 | 18.7 | 586.6 | 20.1 |
| Exports | Oct 97 | \$m | 7 591.4 | 1 930.9 | 12.5 | 1 629.3 | 18.5 |
| Transport | | | | | | | |
| <i>Passenger vehicle registrations</i> | | | | | | | |
| Original | Oct 97 | No. | 57 509 | 6 334 | 18.6 | 5 209 | 21.6 |
| Trend | Oct 97 | No. | 53 233 | 5 603 | 2.2 | 4 686 | 19.6 |
| <i>Total registrations</i> | | | | | | | |
| Original | Oct 97 | No. | 66 638 | 7 488 | 18.9 | 6 279 | 18.1 |
| Trend | Oct 97 | No. | 62 408 | 6 705 | 1.7 | 5 730 | 0.0 |
| Finance | | | | | | | |
| <i>Private New Capital Expenditure</i> | | | | | | | |
| Original | Jun qtr 97 | \$m | 11 771 | 1 695 | 10.7 | 2 153 | -21.3 |
| Seasonally adjusted | Jun qtr 97 | \$m | 11 223 | 1 611 | -3.0 | 2 065 | -22.0 |
| <i>Gross State Product (Income based)</i> | | | | | | | |
| Current prices | Jun qtr 97 | \$m | 128 419 | 13 257 | 1.0 | 12 854 | 3.1 |
| State Final Demand at Average 1989-90 prices | Jun qtr 97 | \$m | 114 869 | 11 401 | 7.1 | 11 264 | 1.2 |

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